Uranium Deposits

2426. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has tied up the medium term fuel supplies for nuclear energy programme of generating 13,000 m.w. of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that country is developing Indigenous air borne survey instruments to locate more deposits of Uranium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Present nuclear programme envisages reaching 13000 MWe generation capacity by 2013. We expect this capacity to be made up of a mix of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), Light Water Reactors (LWRs) and Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs). While fuel for PHWRs would be supplied from indigenous mines, fuel for LWRs would need to be imported. FBR would run on recycled fuel materials.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) India is developing Air Borne Survey instruments indigenously to locate more deposits of Uranium. The development is done jointly by various constituent R&D Units and PSU of this Department as well as other institutions. The system being developed is called Airborne Time Domain Electromagnetic Survey System with a capability to identify the presence of uranium deposits located below ground level.

Government dues on Coal Companies

2427. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large amount of money is to be paid by various Government owned companies including NTPC/power plants to public sector coal companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken to clear the